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SUBJ: TODMAN MEETING WITH BLANCO AND COLORADO PARTY REPRESENTATIVES

1. TODMAN MET WITH BLANCO AND COLORADO PARTY REPRESENTATIVES IN SEPARATE MEETINGS MORNING OF AUGUST 19. THOUGH THE INTENTION HAD BEEN TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PARTIES IN A SINGLE SESSION, EVENTS PRECLUDED THIS AND SEPARATE SESSIONS WERE HELD.

2. THE COLORADO PARTY WAS REPRESENTED BY EX-DEPUTY JUAN SINGER AND EX-SENATOR AGUSTIN CAPUTI, BOTH NOMINAL POLITICAL ALLIES OF FORMER PRESIDENT JORGE PACHECO ARECO. PREDICTABLY, THEY EXPRESSED A MODERATE, PRO-GOVERNMENT LINE, AND THE BELIEF THAT THE PARTIES MUST WORK WITH THE MILITARY IN A GRADUAL RETURN TO REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. THEIR PRINCIPAL CRITICISM OF THE GOU CONCERNED THE INADEQUATE TIME PERMITTED THE PARTIES TO FUNCION AND ORGANIZE PRIOR TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANNOUNCED 1981 ELECTIONS. (NOTE: THREE OTHER COLORADO REPRESENTATIVES -- JORGE BATLLE, RAUMAR JUDE, AND AMILCAR VASCONCELLOS -- WITHDREW THEIR REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE, ALLEGEDLY IN PROTEST OF THE INCLUSION OF SINGER AND CAPUTI IN THE DISCUSSION.)

3. IN CONTRAST TO THE DIVIDED COLORADOS, THE CLANCO PARTY

REPRESENTATIVES (HOMAR MURDOCH, PRESIDENT; DARDO ORTIZ, PLP FACTION; CARLOS JULIO PEREYRA, ROCHA FACTION, MARIO HEBER, HERRERISTA FACTION; AND ENRIGUE BELTRAN, BELTRAN FACTION) PRESENTED A UNITED FRONT IN CONDEMNING THE POLICIES OF THE CURRENT REGIME. AFTER PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE TO EX-SENATOR WILSON FERREIRA, THE BALNCOS STATED THAT THEY ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH FERREIRA'S ASSESSMENT OF THE URUGUAY SITUATION. PEREYRA CLAIMED THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN URUGUAY IS NOW EVEN GRAVER THEN WHEN FERREIRA TESTIFIED BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS. THE BLANCOS EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL LIBERTIES IMPOSED BY THE GOU AND ASSERTED THAT CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT TIGHT REIN CAN ONLY REDOUND TO THE BENEFIT OF MARXIST ELEMENTS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS IN 1981 IS MERELY A GOU PLOY TO IMPRESS THE U.S., ACCORDING TO THE BLANCOS, WHO ARGUED THE NEED FOR AN IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF MEANINGFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITY.  
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